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Members of the Atascosa Emergency Medical Services and the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department assist an aircrew member who was in a simulated plane crash during a major accident response exercise, or MARE, Feb. 22 in Somerset.

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Goldfein on imperatives of airpower

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett
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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein addressed the budget, people as his number one readiness priority, a networked approach to warfare in the 21st century and the nuclear enterprise at a Military Strategy Forum event Feb. 23 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Before taking questions from the audience, Goldfein highlighted airpower's role in the joint fight and the many ways the Airmen protect and defend the nation.

Goldfein compared the Air Force mission to a light switch, saying people don't necessarily know the ins and outs of how the light switch works — they simply expect that once flipped, the light will turn on. Many, he said, assume the same about the Air Force and all the capabilities the service brings.

“Our challenge as an Air Force is that while [our] missions have been growing, our Air Force has been getting



SCOTT M. ASH

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein speaks to a military strategy forum on the imperatives of air power and challenges for the next fight Feb. 23 in Washington, D.C.

smaller,” he said. “We’re actually the smallest Air Force we’ve ever been. If you don’t provide the resources, the light won’t turn on. But, it’s not all doom and gloom — there are great opportunities ahead.”

The first priority is the budget, he said. He discussed the need to get the Air Force sized appropriately for current and future requirements. There are serious challenges when it comes to readiness, and if the needed budget isn’t approved,

it will put air superiority at risk, he said.

“The No. 1 readiness priority is people,” he said. “People run the Air Force — whether enlisted, officer, active duty, Guard or Reserve — people operate the equipment, pilot aircraft, collect information and get the mission done.”

The general also discussed the need to recapitalize the nuclear enterprise. The Air Force is responsible for two thirds of the Nuclear Enterprise — the bomber and the missile legs of the triad — as well as approximately 75 percent of the nuclear command and control, he said. This includes ensuring the commander in chief stays connected to the nuclear enterprise at all times. There are thousands of Airmen operating 24 hours a day to ensure that capability.

The chief of staff acknowledged that despite some of the challenges the service faces, he is looking forward to accomplishing more in space, cyber and the nuclear enterprise, and getting the force sized right for the all missions it performs.

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AF Selective Re-enlistment Bonus updates

FROM SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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Air Force officials released details on the fiscal year 2017 Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program Feb. 23. This year's program consists of 80 Air Force specialties and continues the practice of offering larger sums of money initially up front.

The program is designed to improve readiness and capacity by targeting retention of experienced Airmen, especially those in operations, nuclear,

clear, maintenance, cyber, space, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and support career fields.

The 13 new Air Force specialty codes included in the fiscal 2017 SRB list represent critical and emerging career fields with high operations demands and low manning or retention, such as maintenance and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The AFSCs removed from this year's SRB list were no longer among those AFSCs with the highest needs based on analysis

of manning, retention and/or training costs.

According to Col. Robert Romer, the chief of military force policy for the Air Force, the criteria used to determine career fields eligible for re-enlistment bonuses includes current and projected manning levels, retention levels and trends, and the cost levels associated with training new Airmen.

“This year's SRB list continues the Air Force's focus on retaining key experience while we deliberately grow our

force,” Romer said. “We are increasing our accessions and training pipeline to support the increased growth, but these new enlistees won't be seasoned for some time. Retaining the experienced members we have is critical to maintaining readiness and training those new Airmen.”

All AFSC bonus changes went into effect Feb. 23.

The fiscal 2017 bonus list will be available on myPers.af.mil on the “re-enlistment” page.

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Military child care a simple keystroke away

By Senior Airman
Krystal Wright

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Permanent change of station moves, whether moving from state-to-state or to another country, occur in every service member's career. Family members frequently move with them.

To make PCS moves a smoother process for military families, the Department of Defense has launched a new website that allows parents to submit an online request for child care before they even get to their next destination.

This single online gateway provides access to comprehensive information on military-operated and military-subsidized child care options worldwide, according to the new Military Child Care website, <http://www.militarychildcare.com>.

Through this system, military families are able to update their online profile, search for and request child care and manage their requests.

"The website is the new way for parents to sign up for child care," said Linda Salazar, 502nd Force Support Squadron Child Development Program family child care coordinator. "They already have a whole lot they have to do in their transition and they can do all this before they leave their current base."

The DOD recognizes the importance of providing families with access to quality, af-



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fordable child development programs, according to the MCC website. Child care is a work force issue that directly impacts the efficiency, readiness and retention of the total force.

There are three types of child care programs:

Child Development Centers are facility-based child care programs for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, which operates Monday through Friday.

School Age Care, or SAC, are facility-based programs for children enrolled in kindergarten through age 12, operating Monday through Friday as well as before/after school, and dur-

ing school holidays and summer break.

Family Child Care or Child Development Homes are home-based programs offered by certified providers who care for children ages 4 weeks through 12 years, in their homes, on-or-off of an installation. They also offer a flexible schedule to include weekends, extended duty hours and swing shift, depending on the individual provider.

These services are for military-affiliated families with an eligible patron, to include DOD employees, combat-related wounded warriors, surviving spouses of service members

who died from a combat-related incident, some DOD contractors and others authorized on a space available basis.

Previously, families had to go in person and complete paperwork to be added to the waiting list to use these services. Now, that process can be done online via the MCC website.

They search for and submit unlimited child care requests at any time for any location.

"No matter where you are, you will be able to get your child on the waiting list at your gaining base," Salazar said.

"The process is faster and more efficient," added Diana Dyer, 502nd FSS CDP resource and referral coordinator. "You can do it on any computer and on your schedule."

There are additional benefits to using this website.

"There is better communication by using this system ... and less room for error," Dyer said.

The system provides an anticipated placement time estimation when an opening will be available at each child care facility. It addition, it automatically checks and updates a family's waiting status each month and sends email notifications on status changes, to include when an offer for care is given in response to the family's request. The family then has 48 hours to accept or decline the offer.

Currently, the MCC website supports requests for full-and part-time care in addition to SAC. Base programs will con-

tinue to manage requests for hourly care outside of the website.

More military installations will also be added onto MCC throughout the next year as currently not every base on the new system yet.

"They are bringing on bases a few at a time so that it is a smooth transition, but eventually we are all going to be on the site," Salazar said.

For a full list of installations currently actively using MCC, visit <https://militarychildcare.cnic.navy.mil/mcc-consumer/where/arewewow.action>.

The MCC website is a government site; the URL, Military ChildCare.com, was created to make it easier for families to remember and access, and re-directs to a .mil URL (<https://militarychildcare.cnic.navy.mil>).

For more information, contact the MCC help desk at (855) 696-2934 or FamilySupport@MilitaryChildCare.com.

To contact the main CDP at JBSA-Lackland, call 671-3675 or 671-3168; JBSA-Randolph, call 652-4946; or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-5002.

To contact FCC at JBSA-Lackland, call 671-3376 or 671-4987; JBSA-Randolph, call 221-3820 or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-3820.

To contact, Youth Programs, which provides SAC, at JBSA-Lackland, call 671-2388; JBSA-Randolph, call 652-3298; or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-3502 or 221-4882.

What? Me a facility manager? No need to panic, training provided

By Richard S. Campos

502ND CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

So you have been "voluntold" by your commander or director that you will be the new facility manager for your facility or facilities.

You have never been a facility manager. What does a facility manager do? What Air

Force references do you use? Is there training for this extra-duty position? Multiple questions begin to emerge.

According to Air Force Instruction 32-9002, the role of a facility manager is to be responsible for the "care, custody and protection of the assigned real property." The facility manager will imple-

ment every attempt to protect property from damage or loss.

Once you are assigned as a primary/alternate facility manager, contact Virgil D. McGee, 502 Civil Engineer Squadron chief of requirements, at 671-0428 to learn when the next facility managers briefing will be scheduled.

As a facility manager, fire

prevention is one feature that should be paramount. Organizations should work in concert to establish a safe work environment.

For the most part, facilities at Joint Base San Antonio are inspected annually. Prior to your facility inspection, a fire inspector will contact you either by phone or email to

arrange a time and date for your inspection.

As the facility manager, you will escort fire inspectors during scheduled inspections and initiate corrective action for all noted fire hazards. Follow up to ensure corrective action is accomplished.

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JBSA commemorates first military flight

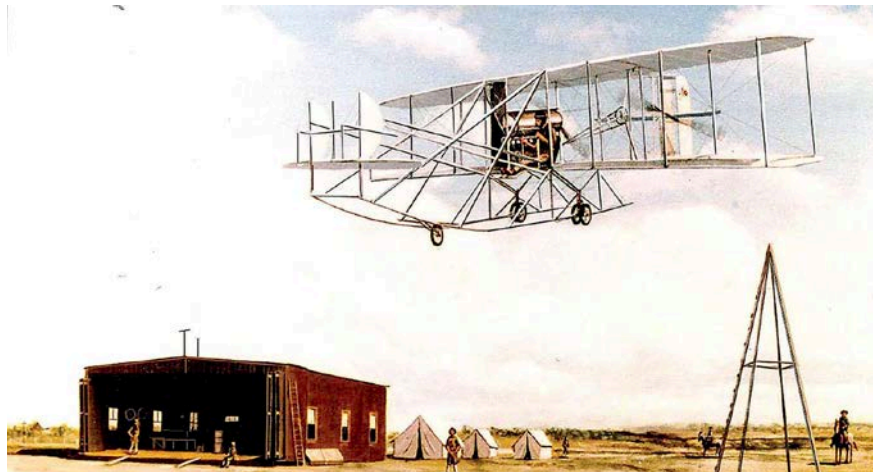
By Steve Elliott

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March 2 marked a monumental day in the legacy of aviation. On that day, 107 years ago, a young Army lieutenant named Benjamin Foulois made history when he piloted the Army's first aircraft, Signal Corps Aircraft No. 1, over Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

To commemorate the occasion at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, there were several events held beginning at 11 a.m. March 2. Retired Air Force Col. James M. Humphries Jr., a test pilot for the Air Force and Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, was the guest speaker. Music was provided by the Junior ROTC of Floresville High School's "Cadet Chorale," directed by retired Lt. Col. Steve Rakel. The Floresville ROTC unit's Color Guard posted the colors.

The original Signal Corps Aircraft No. 1 was a Canard biplane with a four-cylinder Wright 30.6 horsepower engine driving two wooden propellers via a sprocket-and-chain transmission system. "Old Number One," America's first military airplane, was an earlier machine than the Model B the Wright brothers began building



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The first Army aircraft made its introductory flight March 2, 1910, at Fort Sam Houston with Lt. Benjamin Foulois at the controls.

in their Dayton factory in 1910.

A distinguishing feature was its front-mounted elevator. But Foulois made so many modifications in consultation with the Wrights, including a tail-mounted elevator, that by the end of 1910, it resembled a Model B.

Foulois graduated from the Army Signal School in 1908 and first learned to fly on the Army Dirigible No. 1, a lighter-than-air engine-propelled airship. He later participated in the trials of

the Wright Flyer with the Wright brothers.

During the trials, Foulois was on board in the observer's seat of the Wright Flyer with Orville Wright, and clocked the airplane's landmark 10-mile flight time that qualified that airplane for acceptance into the Army.

In February 1910, Foulois was transferred to Fort Sam Houston with a team of enlisted men known as his "flying soldiers" and the Army's only airplane, Army Airplane No. 1. Here, he

learned to fly it himself, aided by instructions in letters from the Wright brothers. Foulois said he was a "mail-order pilot" who had learned to fly through his correspondence with the Wright brothers.

March 2, 1910, Foulois climbed aboard the Army Airplane No. 1 at Fort Sam Houston and at 9:30 a.m. circled the field, attaining the height of 200 feet and circling the field at the speed of 30 mph. The flight only lasted for seven and a half minutes.

Foulois made four flights that day, crashing on the last flight due to a broken fuel pipe. The premier flight became known as the "birth of military flight," and Foulois became known as the "father of U.S. military aviation."

"I made my first solo, my first landing and my first crackup — all the same day," Foulois said.

Foulois was relieved from flying duties in July 1911 and returned to aviation duty with the Signal Corps Aviation School at North Island, San Diego, in December 1913. He later commanded the 1st Aero Squadron in Mexico during the campaign to arrest Pancho Villa in 1916. He served as chief of air service, Air Expeditionary Force, in France from 1917 to 1918.

Foulois was in charge of the materiel division at Wright Field, now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, from 1929 to 1930, and Dec. 20, 1931, became chief of the Army Air Corps. He retired from active military service as a major general Dec. 31, 1935. He died April 25, 1967.

An extensive biography of Foulois is available online at af.mil/AboutUs/Biographies/Display/tabid/225/Article/107091/major-general-benjamin-delahauf-foulois.aspx.

JBSA OBSERVES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan (left), commanding general of U.S. Army North at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, greets Dr. Kevin Cokley, professor of African and African Diaspora Studies and Educational Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, after Cokley's address at the Joint Base San Antonio Black History Month Observance Feb. 15. The event was hosted by the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade.

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Scalding injuries can happen at any age

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Who can resist the aroma of cookies baking or an appetizing sauce simmering on the stove-top? But before you go dipping an extremity into the pot to sample the recipe, be aware that scalds from cooking liquids, grease and food — as well as tap water and steam — are responsible for most household burns.

A scalding injury can happen at any age. Particularly at risk are children, older adults and people with disabilities. Serious injuries can occur from hot liquids, bath water, coffee and microwaved dishes. The second leading cause of all burn injuries are scalding burns.

Young children have thinner skin, resulting in deeper burns than adults for the same temperature and exposure time to a scalding substance. The proportion of a child's body that is exposed to any given amount of a scalding substance is also greater. The same cup of spilled coffee will burn a much larger percent of a small child's body.

Small children also have little control of their environment, less perception of danger and less ability to escape a burn-

ing situation on their own. Children grow fast and can reach new, dangerous things every day. They do not realize that hot liquids burn like fire.

Older adults, like young children, also have thinner skin, so hot liquids cause deeper burns with even brief exposure. Their ability to feel heat may be decreased due to certain medical conditions or medications so they may not realize water is too hot until injury has occurred.

Because older adults have poor microcirculation, heat is removed

from burned tissue rather slowly compared to younger adults. Older adults may also have conditions that make them more prone to falls in the bathtub or shower or while carrying hot liquids.

Individuals who may have physical, mental or emotional challenges or require some type of assistance from caregivers are at high risk for all types of burn injuries including scalds. The disability may be permanent or temporary due to illness or injury and vary in severity from minor to total dependency on others.

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Mobility impairments, slow or awkward movements, muscle weakness or fatigue, and slower reflexes increase the risk of spills while moving hot liquids. Burns to the lap are common when a person attempts to carry hot liquids or food while seated in a wheelchair. Moving hot liquids can be extremely difficult for someone who uses a cane or walker.

Sensory impairments can result in decreased sensation, especially to the hands and feet, so the person may not realize if

something is too hot. Changes in a person's intellect, perception, memory, judgment or awareness may hinder the person's ability to recognize a dangerous situation — such as a tub filled with scalding water — or respond appropriately to remove themselves from danger.

The National Fire Prevention Association provides the following safety tips:

- ▶ Teach children that hot things can burn. Install anti-scald devices on tub faucets and shower heads.
- ▶ Always supervise a child in or near a bathtub.
- ▶ Test the water at the faucet. It should be less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or 38 degrees Celsius.
- ▶ Before placing a child in the bath or getting in the bath yourself, test the water. Test the water by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to the touch.
- ▶ Place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter.
- ▶ Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drinks are prepared or carried.
- ▶ Open microwaved food

slowly, away from the face.

- ▶ Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- ▶ Never heat a baby bottle in a microwave oven. Heat baby bottles in warm water from the faucet.
- ▶ Allow microwaved food to cool before eating.
- ▶ Choose prepackaged soups whose containers have a wide base or, to avoid the possibility of a spill, pour the soup into a traditional bowl after heating.
- ▶ Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

For more information about fire, burn and scalding prevention, visit the National Fire Prevention Association website at nfpa.org/education, the American Burn Association website at ameriburn.org or contact the fire prevention offices at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 221-2727, JBSA-Lackland at 671-2921 or JBSA-Randolph at 652-6915.

Source: *National Fire Prevention Association website at nfpa.org/education*



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tain a Fire Prevention Folder in accordance with AFI 32-1001, which should be provided with the following items:

- ▶ Monthly facility manager inspection / extinguisher reports.

- ▶ Unit operating instruction concerning fire safety, fire reporting and fire evacuation.
- ▶ AF Form 1487, Fire Prevention Visit Report.
- ▶ AF Form 332, Base Civil Work Request (fire safety related only)
- ▶ Fire Evacuation Drill Report/Record.

- ▶ Facility manager's commander/director appointment letter and training certificate.
- For additional references, facility managers should utilize AFI 91-203, Chapter 6, Fire Protection and Prevention. The information contained in this chapter is basically the driving force for the fire prevention section.

A Joint Base San Antonio facility manager's fire prevention monthly report checklist has been developed to assist people in their duties at jbsa.mil/ on the left-hand side. Scroll down to "JBSA Quick Links" (JBSA-Fire Emergency Services), then go to "Documents" located halfway down

in middle section of website, click on "JBSA Facility Manager's Fire Prevention Monthly Report Checklist" and download a copy.

For more information about the checklist, call the fire prevention offices at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 221-2727; at JBSA-Lackland at 671-2921; and at JBSA-Randolph at 652-6915.

Air Force offers new degree program

By Maj. Angelic Ramirez

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE

The Air Force is expanding development opportunities for the civilian workforce by offering an associate degree at little to no cost.

Graduates of the on-line program will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree in Air Force Leadership and Management Studies. The 60-credit-hour program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

“We continue to value education as a force multiplier, and this degree will assist civilians in their academic

journey,” said Russell Frasz, director of Force Development at Headquarters Air Force. “This new program will open the pathway toward a bachelor’s degree and create more opportunities to attend higher levels of developmental education.”

Full-time permanent appropriated fund employees in any grade who do not currently possess an associate or bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university can apply. Enrollees must have an acceptable performance appraisal rating, two years of federal civilian service by the application deadline and a high

school diploma (GED or equivalent). Bargaining unit employees should ensure “impact and implementation” has been completed at their location. Local base civilian personnel sections can provide more information.

Applicants can submit their package through myPers.af.mil under Civilian Force Development from March 1 to May 1. The first term begins March 2018 and will include a maximum of 90 enrollees. Selections will be announced no later than November 2017.

“Providing our civilian workforce with opportunities to further their education is important so



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that they can acquire the skills along with the experience to grow into future leaders,” said Loretta Brown, civilian

leadership development program administrator at the Air Force Personnel Center. “This is a great opportunity for Air

Force civilians to reach their full potential through an easily accessible degree.”

Space-A: How to hop a flight to almost anywhere

**By Airman 1st Class
Lauren Parsons**

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One of the motivating factors to join the Air Force for many service members is the possibility to travel the world.

Whether it be through permanent changes of station, temporary duty assignments or deployments, most Airmen get that opportunity, but another option available for service members is Space-Available flights, or Space-A.

Here is a step-by-step process from Airman 1st Class Aaron Blaylock, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron passenger service agent at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Passenger Terminal, on how to travel Space-A:

Step 1: Sign up

Blaylock said if service members are interested in

traveling Space-A soon, the best way to get started is by coming to the terminal or calling to get information.

The Passenger terminal is at 407 S. Frank Luke Drive and can be contacted by phone at 210-925-8715/8714 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those wishing to travel must fill out an AMC Form 140, which can be found on the Air Force e-publishing website or the Air Mobility Command website. The form can be submitted in person or by email to 502LRS.LGRDAS.SPA-CEA@us.af.mil.

Emails do not receive a reply and travelers are encouraged to bring a digital or printed copy of the message to the terminal on the day of the flight, and the documented

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LAUREN PARSONS

Service members board a C-5M Super Galaxy from the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Passenger Terminal Feb. 7 at old Kelly AFB. The JBSA Passenger Terminal offers Space Available, or Space A, flights to service members and their dependents and retirees.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

BAMC clinics earn national recognition

By Robert Shields

BAMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Three additional Brooke Army Medical Center clinics have earned the National Committee for Quality Assurance's highest level of recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes, or PCMHs.

The NCQA recognized Westover Medical Home located in northwest San Antonio, the Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the Spc. Taylor J. Burke Clinic at JBSA-Camp Bullis as Level 3 PCMHs. Westover Medical Home, the newest Army Medical Home, achieved Level 3 certification on its initial NCQA survey after opening its doors 16 months ago.

"Our success in achieving a level 3 certification on our initial NCQA survey stemmed



ROBERT SHIELDS

Kathryn Joyce (right), nurse practitioner, examines Irene Fuentes at Westover Medical Home in northwest San Antonio.

directly from our outstanding staff whom have helped build our practice from the ground up," said Dr. Darii Lane, Westover Medical Home chief. "The staff has been integral in de-

veloping and maintaining the processes to ensure we give our patients the best and most comprehensive care possible."

Dr. Susan Moon, Spc. Taylor J. Burke Clinic chief, also cred-

its teamwork as key to the clinic's successful NCQA level 3 recognition.

"We also built upon best practices that were in place from our NCQA survey in 2013," Moon said. "Without the staff being willing to adjust to new processes and working together, NCQA would not be possible."

Dr. Markham Brown, chief, Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno Clinic Family Medicine, attributes the success to one of the hallmarks of Patient Centered Medical Home — "Team-Based Care."

"If we are to attribute our success to anything it is having an entire team of providers, nurses, schedulers and front desk personnel who all work together to provide quality health for our patients," Brown said. "As we move away from providers being in the

entire spotlight and having other personnel play a greater role with the care of the patient, everything improves."

Brown added that just like the quote "it takes a village to care for a child" it takes a village to provide exceptional primary care.

These three recent clinic accreditations give a total of seven clinics the Level 3 NCQA highest level of recognition.

NCQA — a private, nonprofit organization — recognizes clinics that emphasize care coordination and communication. It's the most widely used way to transform primary care practices into medical homes, which aim to improve patients' and providers' experience of care, said PCMH project manager Calvin Williams, Clinical Operations Division.

Local Navy recruiting district recognized for retention excellence

By Burrell Parmer

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy Recruiting District San Antonio at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston was again recognized as one of the winners of the Navy's Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, or MPT&E, Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2016.

According to Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Petdan, NRD command career counselor, the award means that the NRD met or exceeded Navy retention standards. It also means listening to Sailors and making sure

that any career-related need — such as re-enlistments, officer packages, career development boards, retirements and detailing issues — are met.

"Taking care of Sailors' career needs allows them to focus more on their mission," Petdan said. "That mission being recruiting America's best and brightest for naval service."

Cmdr. Karen Muntean, NRD commanding officer, was proud to receive the award.

"Our command is honored to once again be awarded the MPT&E Retention Excellence Award. It is validation of a strong command career counselor program and the support

of our leaders that Sailors are choosing to stay Navy," Muntean said. "We are proud to still be earning the golden anchors outside of our headquarters building. Those anchors symbolize the commitment of Sailors and have become a landmark on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston."

The Retention Excellence Award, formerly known as the Golden Anchor Award, established by the United States Fleet Forces Command through the Fleet Retention Excellence Program, is annually awarded to U.S. Navy commands that sustain superior levels of military retention during the pre-

vious fiscal year.

According to Vice Adm. Robert Burke, Chief of Naval Personnel, the NRD, along with more than 80 commands, received the award because of their superior accomplishment in executing programs and policies that best enable Sailors to succeed in their careers.

"These efforts combine to make up a force of the right Sailors, with the right skills, ready to answer all bells, today and into the future," stated Burke, via naval message.

Award-winning commands must pass the annual career information program review with a score of 90 points or

higher while meeting set benchmarks for re-enlistment and attrition rates during the fiscal year.

Earning the award in 2013, the NRD was authorized to display gold-painted anchors in front of its headquarters.

NRD San Antonio comprises 146 recruiters assigned to 33 Navy Recruiter Stations and Navy Officer Recruiting Stations located throughout 126,000 square miles of Texas territory, spanning from Waco, west to Midland/Odessa, southwest toward El Paso, southeast along the Rio Grande Valley and west of College Station.

U.S. Army Medical Department Board conducts testing of vital software

By Eric Lobsinger

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT BOARD

On an installation that serves as the Army's bastion of medical excellence resides a small unit of two dozen military and civilian personnel tasked with the mission of helping to ensure medical personnel are equipped with functional and effective equipment.

The U.S. Army Medical Department Board's mission at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is an independent operational test and evaluation

agency for medical-related materiel and medical information management/information technology products.

The AMEDD Board is charged with the mission of directly supporting the Army in the Department of Defense acquisition process.

The Board provides assessments of emerging concepts, doctrine and advanced technology applications as they are applied to the delivery of healthcare — both on the battlefield and in fixed facilities.

"We are it — for medical

materiel and information management/information technology," said J.B. Crowther, AMEDD Board's deputy director. "We are responsible for ensuring the suitability, survivability and effectiveness of medical materiel that is going to be used by our medics and medical personnel in the theater of operations."

In some cases, the tested materiel will be used in the "brick-and-mortar facilities," such as the hospitals that provide vital care to the military community.

"We are kind of like the 'end state' before the final decision in the acquisition process," said Col. William Tilson, president, AMEDD Board. "During our evaluations, we provide the opportunity to see if 'Yes — it really does make sense,' or 'No — it really doesn't make sense.'"

"It may be a great device, product or system that does well in garrison, but when you get it out in the field environment, then maybe it can't be supported. Or perhaps it doesn't work well off of generator power. There are any num-

ber of unforeseen issues that can affect the performance of a potential acquisition."

A key example of how the AMEDD Board conducts its testing and evaluation operations was seen in the limited user test of the Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care, or MC4, Jan. 9-Feb. 9, at JBSA-Camp Bullis.

MC4 is the Army's deployable electronic medical record system, and the Theater Medical Information Program being

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Balloons signal kick off of organ donor campaign

By Maria Gallegos

BAMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brooke Army Medical Center kicked off the 2017 National Hospital Organ Donation Campaign Feb. 14 with the release of hundreds of balloons to commemorate the day at the medical center. Seventeen of those were dedicated to honor those who have given the gift of life to save others.

BAMC, with partnership from the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, facilitated the annual campaign to promote the importance of donation and transplantation and to educate the community on the crucial need for organ, eye and tissue donation.

"It is no doubt that organ donation is life changing and the awareness of how to become an organ donor is vital to the future success of our program," said Col. Douglas Soderdahl, surgical services deputy commander. "I've had the opportunity to see firsthand



ROBERT SHIELDS

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the impact of organ donation as an urologist being involved in a kidney transplant program at BAMC. This experience allowed me to get a true appreciation for the large team of individuals that are responsible for making this happen."

Soderdahl also added it takes a tremendous teamwork to make this program a success.

"Early identification of po-

tential donors, successful maintenance of donors in the Intensive Care Unit and the emergency room, and ward nursing that promptly calls in the time of cardiac death, maximizing the chance for eye and tissue donation is essential to a successful donation," he said.

In 2016, BAMC had 17 donors, 70 organs transplanted, 30 cornea and 20 tissue donors

with 100 percent referral rate and 80 percent conversion rate (converting eligible donors into actual donors), Soderdahl said.

"BAMC has a great team of dedicated professionals and it is my hope that this campaign continues to increase awareness in the facility and the community. We all need to get involved and inform others on the critical need for donors and the need to increase registrations on the donor registry," he said.

This year, BAMC is aiming to register at least 40 new organ donors to the state registry to contribute to the national goal and to earn national recognition from HHS for activities that promote enrollment in the state organ donor registries.

"We will earn points for each activity we implement between Oct. 1, 2016, and April 30 and will be recognized nationally for collecting enough points to reach a platinum, gold, silver or bronze level," said Lt. Col. Jovitta Chandler, TOSA committee. "In 2016, BAMC received the silver level award for

reaching more than 750 points for hospital and communication events."

The campaign has nearly 400,000 donor designations and more than 118,000 people are waiting for the gift of life from an organ donor. Trauma, bone damage, spinal injuries, burns, hearing impairment and vision loss are the main cause of why someone may need an organ, tissue or blood donation.

"Every 10 minutes, someone is added to the organ donor waiting list and every year thousands die waiting for an organ," said Chandler. "We are asking our entire hospital community to help us educate staff members, patients and their families, visitors and the extended community on the critical need for organ donation. BAMC and TOSA need your involvement and support. By working together, we can make a difference."

For more information or to join the donor registry, visit donatelifetexas.org.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

2017 Joint Services Luncheon

Spouses' Clubs of Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph **RSVP** by March 7 for March 21 event
Location: Downtown at local venue
The Spouses' Club of Fort Sam Houston Area invites the Fort Sam Houston, Randolph and Lackland Spouses' Club members and their guests to the 2017 Joint Services "Celebrate Service" luncheon. Contact scfshreservations@gmail.com for cost, time and location. All RSVPs must be received by March 7 and seating is limited.

Bringing Baby Home

Date/Time: March 8 & 22, 11 a.m. to noon
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797
New parents are encouraged to attend this two-part workshop on preparing for a newborn baby's homecoming. To register, call 221-2418.

Blended Retirement System

Date/Time: March 13, 9-10 a.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
Review features of the new Blended Retirement System, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2018. Additional training is available at jkodirect@jten.mil.

Sensory friendly movie day

Date/Time: March 13, 1-3 p.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
The Exceptional Family Member Program and the Family Life Program welcome JBSA families to a sensory friendly showing of Disney's Zootopia. Call 221-2418.

Transition Information Program

Date/Time: March 20, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Sam Houston Community Center, 1395 Chaffee Road
Active-duty members separating or retiring are welcome to attend this workshop. Meet with representatives from the Military and Veteran Community Collaborative, Texas Veterans Commission, Veterans Service Programs, Workforce Solutions Alamo and more. To register, visit <https://march20tip.eventbrite.com>

Hiring Heroes career fair

Date/Time: March 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Sam Houston Community Center, 1395 Chaffee Road
Career opportunities for wounded, ill, injured and transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses and primary caregivers will be presented. Talk with Department of Defense and other federal agencies and private sector recruiters about opportunities in civilian career fields. For more information, call 571-372-2123.

Department of The Army photos

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston photo studio provides DA photo support to Soldiers assigned to JBSA or on temporary duty to JBSA, as well as Guard and Reserve Soldiers assigned to San Antonio-based units. Appointments are required and may fill up six to eight weeks in advance. Call 221-5453 to schedule an appointment.

Voting Assistance

The Joint Base San Antonio Voting Assistance Program office is located at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 2380 Stanley Road, building 124, first floor. Assistance is available by appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Call 221-VOTE (8683) for more information. Visit <http://www.FVAP.gov> for more voting resources.

Check card expiration dates

All Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting system, Command Access Card and military ID card locations throughout Joint Base San Antonio are by 100 percent appointment only and wait time for an appointment can be up to 30 days. Civilian and military members need to remember then their CACs and military IDs expire and schedule renewal appointments appropriately. Make appointments online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

Opportunities expand for METC graduates

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Leaders at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston are expanding opportunities for METC graduates who want to further their education.

More institutions are expressing an interest in joining the METC degree partnership program, in which colleges and universities who participate in the program agree to give METC graduates credit for portions of the training they received at METC, said Lt. Col. Melanie Ellis, METC Chief of Strategic Planning and Partnerships.

METC has agreements with 60 colleges and universities in its degree partnership program throughout the U.S., which include 1,000 degree pathways for former METC students who want to continue their education.

Ellis said there is a need for more partnerships between METC and institutions that can provide degree pathways for METC graduates. More than 100,000 students have completed training at METC, the world's largest enlisted medical training campus, since its establishment in 2010.

"There are over 100,000 alumni of METC out there, and a third of them are National Guard and Reserve," Ellis said. "That's a lot of folks looking for



PHOTOS BY LISA BRAUN

A student practices giving an IV stick to his classmate in the Department of Combat Medic Training course at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

educational opportunities."

By going through a degree pathway program, Ellis said service members or veterans can earn a degree or get certification in a medical field that will make them employable in the civilian sector without having to retake courses they took at METC.

"It gives them credit for what they've already trained in and it is going to get them to degree completion or credentialing sooner," Ellis said.

Colleges and universities who are interested in joining the degree partnership program can tour the facilities at METC and review its curriculum to see if it meets requirements for their degree programs.

Once colleges and universities are informed about METC

and what it offers, Ellis said they are persuaded to join the degree partnership program.

Any institution that becomes a part of the degree partnership program is listed on the METC website. The programs offered by the institution that are compatible for METC graduates also are listed.

"Once educational institutions learn how METC delivers training and see the quality of our instructors, facilities and the resources we have," said Ellis, "they are excited to become a part of it and want to get their pin on the map."

METC has degree partnership agreements with colleges and universities in 23 states. Ellis said METC is working toward a goal of having degree pathway programs in every state.



Students in the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program practice taking vital signs on a SimMan patient simulator while training in the Nurse Synthesis Laboratory.

Ellis stressed to METC graduates who go through the degree pathway programs to visit the education support office at their duty station to explore the options for how they can go about obtaining their degree or certification.

The degree partnership program provides potential savings to taxpayers because a former METC student who takes advantage of the program will not need to expend Tuition Assistance or G.I. Bill dollars for college credits they have already been granted, Ellis said. Also they are able to utilize their professional skills in

the community.

METC includes 48 medical training programs and trains Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard medics, corpsmen and technicians. An average of 20,000 students per year graduate from the medical campus, which is the largest consolidation of the military training in Department of Defense history. Ninety-five percent of enlisted medical technical education in the armed forces occurs at METC.

For more information on the degree pathway programs, visit metc.mil/degreebridge.

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DBIDS upgrade provides faster gate service

By Vicki Stein

AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND
MISSION SUPPORT CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As visitors to Joint Base San Antonio go through the base gates, they may notice traffic is flowing faster. What they may not notice is security is also stronger.

Thanks to a Defense Biometrics Identification System 5.0 upgrade, ID card scanning speed has been reduced to a single second or less and the DBIDS equipment footprint is 40 percent smaller.

DBIDS is a card-scanning tool that uses barcodes and biometrics to identify cardholders. The system verifies authorizations and assigns access privileges based on identity, affiliation and the current threat level.

"That equates to rapid identity proofing and vetting of personnel requesting access onto our installations and allows Security Forces to stop potential threats at the base perimeter," said Derrick Austin, Air Force Security Forces Center Chief of Police Services and Installation Access Control.

Security Forces have been using the devices since 2009, but they were not always as quick to provide scanned data results.

One of AFSFC's missions is to provide functional implementation guidance for Police Ser-



VICKI STEIN

Jeremy Quinn, 802nd Security Forces Squadron civilian police officer, uses the latest Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) equipment to scan a driver's identification at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Kelly annex.

vices, which includes DBIDS. Program goals are to improve the system's availability, usability and affordability for installation commanders and Security Forces.

Airmen using DBIDS 5.0 light up when talking about the quick response and ability to move traffic. Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland DBIDS administrator Senior Airman Hunter Templeton said that when he did a test on the previous DBIDS 4.0 platform, it could take nine seconds or as much as 15 to 20 seconds to respond.

"DBIDS 5.0 is down to three seconds but usually a half of a second," Templeton said.

The new equipment includes handheld scanners and all-in-one computers.

"This is a full upgrade and the system is working great. It's amazing. I love it!" Templeton said.

The new DBIDS Scanner responds faster and with more accuracy than a human checking an ID card. This means with the heavy volume of traffic entering a base during peak traffic hours, entry controllers can now scan credentials instead of relying on visual ID card inspections, and it lessens the bottleneck or choke point at base entry control points.

It gives us better vet-

ting," Templeton said.

"We're not going to allow anyone on base who should not enter. It will make everyone's life easier. People coming on base won't be as frustrated, and Airmen handling traffic won't have to deal with frustrated people who have been sitting in long lines. We're predicting 300,000 scans monthly and may even double the monthly amount last year of 177,000."

He added it allows Security Forces Defenders to identify personnel with wants and warrants, which makes the perimeter and base safer.

Austin said DBIDS is installed at every Air

Force installation state-side and overseas, to include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard bases.

"If a person's status changes for any reason, like being barred, once the status is updated in DBIDS by the barring authority, all installation entry controllers will see the person was barred," Austin said. "In six years, DBIDS annual scan statistics increased from 1 million scans per year to 86 million scans in 2016."

He said Scott Ulrich, Melia Goodman and Travis Cambern from the Air Force DBIDS Development Team had a vision of transitioning Security Forces from visual ID card inspections to electronic interrogation of all credentials.

"They imagined a system that's easy to employ, interconnected globally and capable of continuous screening of DBIDS records," Austin said.

The system is maintained by the Defense Manpower Data Center, owners of Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, and the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System, or RAPIDS.

When a DoD credential is initially scanned at an installation entry control point, the cardholder is automatically registered in DBIDS once the ID Card is validated

in DEERS. Also, information is screened by the FBI National Criminal Information Center.

DBIDS is interconnected with DEERS and NCIC for continuous vetting.

In 2016, entry controllers detected 4,000 people with warrants, flagged 233 armed and dangerous, 71,000 personnel with terminated ID Cards, 3,500 barred, 73,000 expired ID cards and 22,580 ID cards reported lost or stolen. Austin said that in 2009, it was impossible to detect these categories of unauthorized personnel. "Now, Security Forces are able to stop potential threats, protecting our people and warfighting assets."

Looking to the future, Austin said experts already are working on the next generation of DBIDS, to include a web-based virtual visitor center to allow DoD card holders to request visitor passes online. Also, DBIDS scanners will be able to read REAL ID compliant driver's licenses, making visitor passes obsolete.

"If you see your entry controllers using the DBIDS scanners during peak traffic hours, assist them by having your credentials ready to be scanned and understand if minor delays occur, there's a good chance an unauthorized person has been detected," Austin said "It's for everyone's safety."

New dormitory offers Airmen better quality of life

By Jeremy Gerlach

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's newest 144 PN dormitory was being showcased during a ribbon-cutting tour Feb. 21, one thought came to mind for Col. Jonathan Wright, 502nd Installation Support Group commander.

"They all get flat screens," Wright laughed, pointing to a sizable television that dominated the middle section of a common area in one of the residential suites.

While the high-definition screens snagged the most attention during the tour, those in attendance also got a look at more vital elements of life in this building.

The \$18 million facility, which will soon host 144 members of the 24th Air Force, boasts an energy efficient design. There are individual bathrooms, a kitchenette loaded with amenities such as a convection oven and a dishwasher and fan cooling units in every room. The building has open-air breezeways designed to cut down on energy costs and is up-to-date on the latest government safety and efficiency standards, said Carlos Garcia,



ANDREW PATTERSON

The 502d Civil Engineer Squadron conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 21 for a new dormitory at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

502nd Civil Engineer Squadron architect.

"This dorm went through all your typical planning and reviews," Garcia said. "It took two years to build and it makes life easier for everybody."

The suite model allows for space and energy efficiency as opposed to the usual hallway model of older dorms, Garcia noted.

"It will be much easier for dorm management to handle issues here as opposed to running down a hall and wondering which door to knock on," he added.

These amenities came as the

result of a "true team effort" during the planning stages of the project, Wright chimed in.

"This took a tremendous amount of effort, from a host of different groups to get these dorms constructed," he said.

Wright credited the 502nd CES and Army Corps of Engineers for the building's design and construction, the 802nd Communications Squadron for laying down wiring and the 802nd Security Forces Squadron for design reviews and "getting everything up to code."

Col. Bradley Pyburn, 67th Cyberspace Wing commander, is responsible for the men and

women who will call the dorm home.

"Having this building is special for our command team," Pyburn said. "We're a tenant wing, so we depend on JBSA-Lackland for support."

Airman 1st Class Zachary Wyre, 90th Cyberspace Operations Squadron cyber transport systems specialist, and Airman 1st Class Austin Davies, 502nd Communications Squadron client systems technician, will take up residence in the dorm soon.

For Wyre, who enlisted in June 2015, the accommodations are a big step up from his current housing.

"This is great; it's a lot newer," Wyre said. "You don't have to share a bathroom and you get a lot more space."

Davies, who joined the Air Force in October 2015, said the additional breathing room speaks for itself.

"The kitchen is nicer, there's a convection oven and the common area is a lot bigger," he noted.

Airmen can move in the dorm with a group and pick their own roommates, as Davies did, or they can have roommates randomly assigned, Wyre added.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

Luke Boulevard detour

Date/Time: Through March 20

Location: Luke Boulevard
The inbound lanes of Luke Boulevard from Bong to Kenly Avenue will detour through March 20. After motorists enter the Luke Boulevard Gate, all inbound traffic will transition to outbound lanes after the Luke Boulevard/Bong Avenue intersection.

Flea market

Date/Time: March 4, 8 a.m. to noon

Location: Warhawk Fitness Center's parking lot
The Skylark Community Center is hosting a flea market where sellers can set up their items for buyers. Reservations are \$10. Tables are available for \$5 per table. Reservations must be paid in cash and in person at the Skylark Community Center, building 6576. For more information, call 671-3191.

2017 Joint Services Luncheon

RSVP: By March 7 for March 21 event

Location: Local venue

The Spouses' Club of Fort Sam Houston Area invites Fort Sam Houston, Randolph and Lackland Spouses' Club members and their guests to the 2017 Joint Services' Celebrate Service luncheon. Contact scsfshreservations@gmail.com for cost, time and location. All RSVPs must be received by March 7 and seating is limited.

Employment workshop

Date/time: March 8, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249

The workshop includes the following classes: Federal Employment Process, Résumé Writing, and Successful Interviewing. Attendees should bring a résumé. Call 671-3722 for details.

From Camo to Classroom

Date/Time: March 9, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 1249
Those interested in teaching students K-12 can learn about the process of obtaining teaching certifications. Call 671-3722 for details.

Investing in Your Future

Date/Time: March 9, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 1249
This workshop focuses on building a strong financial foundation and developing an understanding of investments. Call 671-3722 for details.

Adoption, foster care

Date/Time: March 9, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Freedom Chapel

Review the adoption/foster care process, and state and legal requirements. Registration required. Call 671-3723 for details.

Highest-scoring Vietnam ace visits Alamo Wing

From the 433rd Airlift Wing

Retired Air Force ace Col. Chuck Debellevue, the highest-scoring ace of the Vietnam War, spoke to the 433rd Maintenance Group Feb. 10 here.

Debellevue, a New Orleans, Louisiana, native and graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (then named the University of Southwestern Louisiana) spent roughly a hour speaking to the Citizen Airmen on the importance of teamwork and its importance of completing the missions

assigned to aircrews. The synergy needed between maintenance and operations crews were vital to completing the mission and had one other important factor.

"It translates to combat power," said the retired pilot.

He also spoke of the fear needed to survive the harrowing experience.

"The fear factor was there," he said. "Every day could be your last day. If you made it back, the next day could be your last mission. We all knew we could die. You had to take



MAJ. TIMOTHY WADE

Retired Air Force Col. Chuck Debellevue, the highest-scoring ace of the Vietnam War, signs memorabilia after speaking to members of the 433rd Maintenance Group Feb. 10 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

control of your fears."

His visit to the Alamo Wing concluded with a motivational speech in front of 400 members

and guests during the 433rd Airlift Wing's Annual Awards Banquet at Courtyard Sea-World Hotel.

RANDOLPH

JBSA partners with local community for emergency preparedness exercise

By Senior Airman
Stormy Archer

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of the 502nd Air Base Wing and the 12th Flying Training Wing partnered with the Bexar County and Atascosa County Emergency Management Offices to conduct a Major Accident Response Exercise Feb. 22 in San Antonio.

A MARE assesses how installation and local emergency response agencies work together during a mass casualty event.

The exercise simulated an aircraft crash south of Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland on privately owned property.

“Our objective was to work with our local emergency responders in response to an aircraft crash and to assist them in mitigating the consequences of the event,” said Edward Doss, 502nd ABW Inspector General’s Office Installation Exercise Program director. “This was an opportunity to respond to an emergency that would challenge 502nd ABW command and control as well as local fire emergency services that normally do not deal with aircraft and the hazards that are associated.”

Storms that passed through San Antonio Feb. 19, showed that a joint response from base and local emergency services can be called upon at any time.

“The recent tornadoes experienced across the county have illustrated how disasters, whether natural or manmade, don’t acknowledge boundaries,” said Monica Ramos, Office of the County Manager public



STAFF SGT. MARISSA GARNER

Members of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department move a simulated crash victim from the vicinity of downed aircraft during a joint major accident response exercise, or MARE, Feb. 22 in Atascosa County.

information officer. “The joint multi-jurisdictional exercises will not only greatly enhance our response efforts, but also help to refine our processes to be able to respond faster and more efficiently.”

By building a strong partnership between JBSA the San Antonio community, emergency responders will be able to act more effectively and efficiently. “We are all a part of the San Antonio and South Texas com-

munity,” said Doss. “Ensuring that our response to any type of event is critical to save life and limb. Taking the time now to exercise a disaster of this type ensures we are prepared for a real-world event.”

RANDOLPH BRIEFS

Chapel Lent, Easter schedules

Catholic Mass times

- » March 1 — 11:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday (Chapel)
- » March 6 — 7 p.m. Penance Service (Chapel)
- » April 9 — Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. (RAC) & 11:30 a.m. (Chapel)
- » April 13 — 5 p.m. Holy Thursday (Chapel)
- » April 14 — 11:30 a.m. Good Friday (Chapel)
- » April 15 — 5 p.m. Easter Vigil (Chapel)
- » April 16 — Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. (RAC) & 11:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Stations of the Cross/ Lenten Supper

- Every Friday in Lent beginning March 3 and ending April 7
- » Stations: 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)
- » Potluck Supper: 6 p.m. (Chapel Center)

Protestant Service times

- » April 9 — Palm Sunday 8:15 a.m. (Chapel) & 11 a.m. (RAC)
- » April 16 — 7 a.m. Sunrise Service (Chapel)
- 11 a.m. Easter Service (RAC)

San Antonio Missions Pilgrimage

- » April 8 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Depart from the Chapel Center at 8 a.m. to visit San Antonio missions. Lunch at Market Square before returning. Bus transportation provided. RSVP by March 20 to the Chapel Center. For more information, call 652-6121.

Munitions closed

Date/Time: March 6-10

The 12th Flying Training Wing munitions offices and munitions storage area will be closed March 6-10. Only emergency issues can be addressed during this period. Call 652-6780/3361/6981 for details.

Coaches needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for T-ball, coach pitch and regular baseball/softball for youth ages 5 and up. An application and background check are required. Call 652-3298 to apply.

Thrift Shop sale

Date/Time: March 4/9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: JBSA-Randolph Thrift Shop, building 1048
A “Bring Your Own Big Stuff” sale takes place in the parking lot. In case of rain, the sale will be canceled, but the main store will be open. Call 658-5990 for details.

Boots to Business offers path for transitioning troops

By Robert Goetz

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Finding a new career after serving in the military can be a daunting task, but for some separating active-duty members and veterans, starting and growing a business can be a pathway to success.

A workshop offered on a regular basis at Joint Base San Antonio Military & Family Readiness Centers gives participants a head start on their entrepreneurial pursuits.

"Boots to Business is a two-day workshop that's all about starting a business from the ground up," said Brian Kenefick, JBSA-Randolph M&FRC community readiness consultant. "It provides active-duty members and veterans with the information they need to begin that process."

The next Boots to Business workshop is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7-8 at the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC, 555 F Street West, building 693.

OPERATION **BOOTS to BUSINESS** from service to startup

COURTESY GRAPHIC

The workshop, sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, addresses the issues faced by individuals who wish to start a business, Kenefick said.

"Participants in the workshop learn about developing a business plan, securing funding, market analysis and the legal issues associated with

business ownership," he said. "It covers all those topics and more, as well as government contract opportunities."

In addition to SBA representatives, the workshop features speakers from organizations such as the SCORE Association, formerly known as the Service Corps of Retired Executives. SCORE offers a

network of volunteer business mentors who provide free answers to business questions.

The workshop will address the many types of businesses that provide opportunities for success, including franchises, and what avenues to avoid, Kenefick said.

Success stories will also be told, he said.

"There will be veterans who have gone through it before and have been successful," Kenefick said.

After completing the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to obtain the equivalent of a master of business administration degree through an intensive eight-week online business course that covers the principles of accounting, finance, market analysis, business operations and sales.

Boots to Business is an extension of the Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2011. The act, which was passed to help transitioning service members and veterans, aims to reduce unemployment among veterans and help them attain meaningful jobs.

For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2705 or the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

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date and time of sign up will be honored.

"Sign-up is good for 60 days and you can sign up at as many AMC terminals as you'd like," Blaylock added.

Blaylock said the two most common destinations from the JBSA-Lackland Passenger Terminal are Travis Air Force Base, California, and Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

If a flier's final destination is not Travis or Andrews, Blaylock recommends signing up with the respective passenger terminal as well so the traveler is not getting a fresh sign-up date upon arrival.

Step 2: Find a flight

A 72-hour schedule is post-

ed on the JBSA-Lackland Passenger Terminal Facebook page and is updated regularly.

"Let's say it's Wednesday and we post a flight for Friday," Blaylock said. "If you're looking for that, I'd check our schedule each day and make sure it's not canceling out or rerouting, and show up the morning of the flight."

A "roll call" time will be posted with the 72-hour schedule on Facebook. Blaylock said show times typically last about 40 minutes, and once it closes out, nobody can mark himself present for the flight.

Step 3: Selection process

To be considered for a flight, travelers must be on leave and have their Form 988 and Common Access Card. Since Space-A seating is limited, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bedson,

502nd LRS NCO in charge of passenger services, recommends travelers give themselves some buffer time with leave, and added that lodging is available across the street if they happen to miss a flight.

Kelly Inn is at 250 Goodrich Drive and can be contacted at 210-925-1844.

Priority for seating goes by date and time of sign up from categories one to six, beginning with Category 1. Category 3, active duty on ordinary leave, and Category 6, retired military, Reservists and Air National Guard members, are the most popular categories to fly out of the JBSA-Lackland Passenger Terminal.

Blaylock said an important thing to note for military dependents is they cannot travel Space-A without their sponsor

unless they receive a letter signed by their sponsor's command. For more information on dependent Space-A travel and the travel status categories, visit the AMC website.

Step 4: Check-in

Once travelers have been selected for a flight, they will be asked to go through the terminal's magnetometer and X-ray machine. The terminal follows all of the Transportation Security Administration's guidelines travel.

During this step, travelers will receive their boarding pass, baggage tags and if it is available, the option to receive a boxed meal. Boxed meals cost \$5.55 and must be paid in exact change.

"Depending on what terminal you're traveling out of and what aircraft you're going on

can limit your baggage," Blaylock said. "Out of here, you're good for 2 bags per person at 70 pounds apiece."

Free long-term parking is available at the terminal for 60 days. Passengers will receive a slip to place in their front windshield, and if more than the allotted 60 days is needed, Bedson said the passenger can call the terminal to adjust their slip.

Finally, before being taxied out to the aircraft for the flight, travelers will be shown an anti-hijacking slideshow. For more information on Space-A, visit the JBSA-Lackland Passenger Terminal Facebook page or call 210-925-8715/8714. To find information on other installation passenger terminals, visit the Air Mobility Command website.

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tested is the software that is used to provide military medical personnel the ability to “record, store, retrieve and transfer the essential elements of patient encounters.”

Simply put, it is the Army’s electronic medical records used for the treatment of Soldiers. It is intended to ensure that the initial treatment information — the care the Soldier receives first — as well as critical injury information, is forwarded to providers at the next level of care.

Coordination for the testing of the most recent update to the TMIP software, known as Increment 2, Release 3, began approximately nine months ago as AMEDD Board team members began working with a variety of its testing partners in preparing for the event.

The test was conducted in a basic “crawl-walk-run” process, said Sgt. 1st Class Lemuel Rodriguez-Velez.



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Sgt. 1st Class Lemuel Rodriguez-Velez (left), U.S. Army Medical Department Board test site NCOIC, briefs test players Jan. 24 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

Velez, AMEDD Board’s test site NCOIC. The test consisted of test player training Jan. 23-27, followed by a pilot test Jan. 30-Feb. 1, culminating in a record test Feb. 2-9.

“It is vital that we get the test players feedback and that we understand their feelings, and get their input, on what they actually think as they go through the testing,” he said. “We get all of their comments on what they like, what they don’t like and what they’d like to see to improve the system.”

The Deployable Medical Systems Equipment Training Site at JBSA-Camp Bullis is an ideal location for the AMEDD Board team to conduct its testing, said Matt Maier, MC4’s product director, who said the site was operationally representative of the medical roles of care at a combat support hospital and at an aid station.

“I like that we have actual users from real units who come here and participate in the testing,”

he said, “because it should be actual units that are using the actual, real MC4 equipment that we would deploy to units.”

The bottom line, for the test players participating in the event, is to do their part in helping the Army identify any concerns with the process to ensure the items are valid for use, added Sgt. Daniel Helgeson, a medic who serves at the Madigon Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

“It think it’s important because this is a good way to weed out any issues and to decide whether or not the program is actually worthwhile to spend the money and the time on it to implement it,” Helgeson said.

Having access to an electronic medical record, such as that produced by MC4 and the TMIP software is vital. It is paramount to provide the maximum amount of information to the providers who are charged with their care.

Every effort must be made to ensure the correct information goes to the right people, said Maj. Gen. Brian Lein, commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Health Readiness Center of Excellence.

“Force the system to be smart for the medic,” Lein said. “Don’t force the medic to adapt how he or she practices to meet the needs of the system. We want to make it easier for the medic, not harder.”

“The data from that computer right there has got to be readable at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Walter Reed Medical Center or wherever. Otherwise, it’s kind of worthless to have a computer down range collecting medical data.”

And it is the AMEDD Board’s ability to test the medical-related materiel to ensure it can do what it’s supposed to do that makes the Board unique in supporting the Army’s medical mission.